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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT MAY ATTEND UN SPECIAL SESSION

REF: (A) STATE 062641; (B) MONROVIA 1742

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE GOOD POSSIBILITY PRESIDENT TOLBERT WILL ATTEND UN SPECIAL SESSION. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, LIBERIAN LEADER PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN SUBSTANTIAL CAMPAIGN OF PERSONAL DIPLOMACY WHICH HEAVILY INVOLVES WORLD PETROLEUM SITUATION AND ON WHICH HE APPEARS TO BE STAKING CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE.

2. IN ADDITION TO TOLBERT'S OWN TRAVELS, HE HAS DISPATCHED FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS TO GUINEA AND SEVERAL OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND WE UNDERSTAND IS ALSO CONTEMPLATING SENDING ANOTHER HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL TO EAST AFRICA. INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE LEADS US CONCLUDE THIS EFFORT ALL IN SUPPORT OF DEMARCHE TO BOUMEDIENE REPORTED REF B.

3. EMBASSY FURTHER BELIEVES IF TOLBERT DOES INDEED VISIT NEW YORK, HE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, EXPECTING TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON.

4. SHOULD TOLBERT NOT RPT NOT VISIT NEW YORK, MINISTER FINANCE STEPHEN TOLBERT WILL BE LEADER LIBERIAN DELEGATION (REFB), AND
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HE ALSO WILL MOST PROBABLY VISIT WASHINGTON, ALTHOUGH WE ASSUME

WOULD NOT EXPECT HAVE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON.
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